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1. WE ARE SERIOUSLY CONCERNED BY INDICATION IN REF A THAT RTG NOW INTENDS TO ABSTAIN ON PRO-NORTH KOREAN RESOLUTION. IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT RTG BE FULLY AWARE OF SERIOUSNESS WE ATTACH TO ITS EARLIER COMMITMENT TO SUPPORT OUR RESOLUTION AND VOTE AGAINST OPPOSING RESOLUTION. AS PREVIOUS REPORTING HAS INDICATED KOREAN QUESTION IS

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MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE INVOLVING US BEFORE UNGA AND PRO-

NORTH KOREAN RESOLUTION IS DIRECT ATTACK ON US PRESENCE
IN AREA OF GREAT SENSITIVITY WITHIN THE REGION. IT IS
EQUALLY AS IMPORTANT FOR US TO DEFEAT OTHER SIDE'S RESOLU-
TION AS TO SECURE PASSAGE OF OUR OWN. RTG ABSTENTION
WOULD HAVE IMPORTANT IMPACT IN NEW YORK BEYOND LOSS OF A
VOTE.

2. CONSEQUENTLY, YOU SHOULD TAKE EARLIEST POSSIBLE
OPPORTUNITY TO CONVEY AT HIGHEST APPROPRIATE LEVEL POINTS
CONTAINED REFS (D) AND (E).

3. YOU SHOULD MAKE UNMISTAKABLY CLEAR OUR EXPECTATION
THAT THE RTG WILL, AS IT PREVIOUSLY INDICATED, NOT ONLY
SUPPORT OUR RESOLUTION BUT OPPOSE THE OTHER SIDE'S.

4. IF QUESTION OF POSSIBLE ASEAN INITIATIVE COMES UP
YOU SHOULD DRAW ON REF (F), POINTING OUT WE BELIEVE OUR
PRESENT POSITION IS A CONSTRUCTIVE ONE THAT DESERVES
SUPPORT AND THAT WE WOULD EXPECT THAT NO PRECIPITATE
ACTION WOULD BE TAKEN BY OUR FRIENDS ON KOREAN QUESTION
WITHOUT PRIOR CONSULTATIONS WITH US. INGERSOLL

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